

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A chart for representing data on stock selling and buying orders and used to show the current price of stocks of a particular brand prevailing at a particular point of time of day, a limit price set by an investor for each selling or buying order not yet executed, and the number of stocks corresponding to said set price, said chart showing said prices along the ordinate axis, and said number of stocks along the abscissa axis; the chart comprising:

a price range portion formed by a segment joining along the ordinate axis a single current price plot representing the current price and one or more limit price plots representing the limit price or prices for a selling or buying order or orders; and

a stock number representing portion starting at each said limit price plot and extending along the abscissa axis in accordance with the number of stocks corresponding to each limit price.

2. A chart according to claim 1, wherein said stock number representing portion extends in the negative direction along the abscissa axis in the case of a selling order, and in the positive direction in the case of a buying order.

3. A chart according to claim 2, wherein said stock number representing portion has a segment extending along the abscissa axis and having a length depending on the number of stocks, and a slanting line joining the end of said segment and the uppermost point of said price range portion in the case of a selling order, or a slanting line joining the end of said segment and the lowermost point of said price range portion in the case of a buying order.

4. A chart for representing data on stock selling and buying orders comprising a display, on a single screen or sheet, of a plurality of charts as set forth in claim 1, and each of said plurality of charts being prepared for a single brand in time-series.

5. A chart for representing data on stock selling and buying orders comprising a display, on a single screen or sheet, of a plurality of charts as set forth in claim 1, and each of said plurality of charts being prepared for each of a plurality of brands.